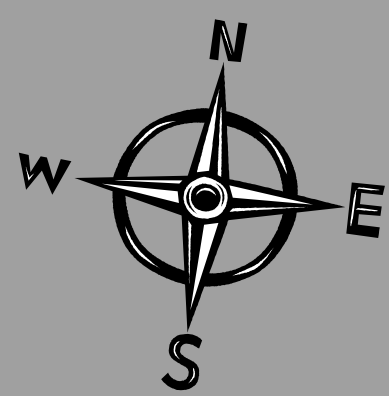


Hoosier Book Club: Map of Indiana Authors

Between the turn of the 20th century and the beginning of World War II, Indiana ranked second only to New York in the production of national best sellers, and a close second at that with a score of 213 to New York's 218.

Indiana: A History by William E. Wilson



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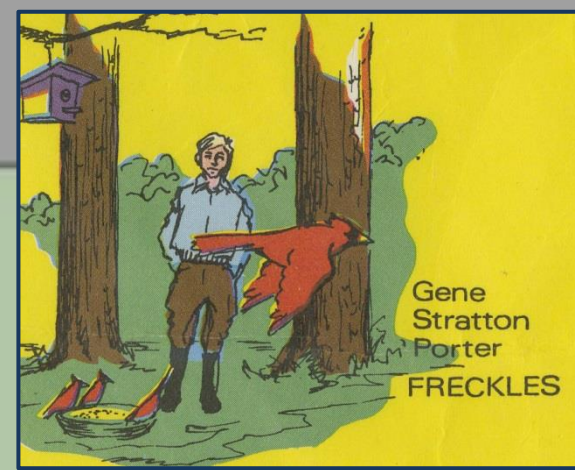
Hammond:

Jean Shepherd was a popular radio and television personality. He is best known as the writer of *A Christmas Story*, which he narrated. His popular short stories were published as books like *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash* (1966).



South Bend:

Poet/essayist Kenneth Rexroth won several National Book Awards for Poetry, and he is known as a pioneer in the anti-establishment literature of the 1960's.



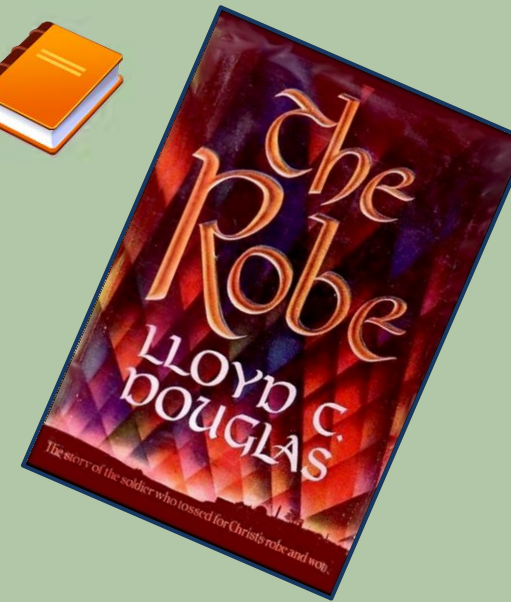
Rome City:

Gene Stratton Porter was one of the earliest environmentalist writers, penning stories about her childhood in the Limberlost Swamp. Her second novel *Freckles* (1904) was popular, and *A Girl of the Limberlost* (1909) was adapted four times as a film.



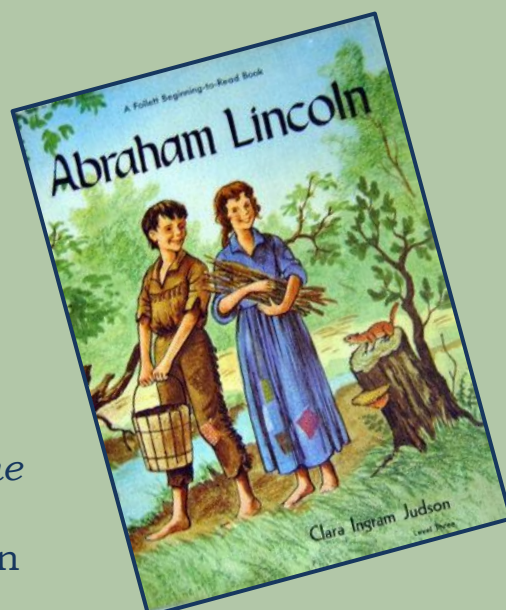
Columbia City:

A Lutheran minister, Lloyd C. Douglas wrote novels about morals that were popular in the 1930's. He is best known as the author of *The Robe*, which was adapted as a classic film starring Richard Burton.



Logansport:

Clara Ingram Judson wrote more than 70 children's books beginning in 1915, including the *Mary Jane* series and several biographies of American presidents.



George Ade

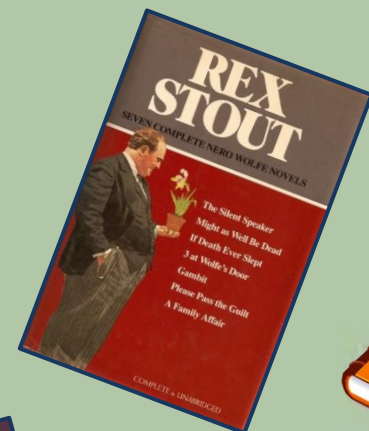
Kentland:

George Ade was a journalist, writer, humorist, and playwright. Ade used the common vernacular of the time in his *Fables in Slang* (1899). Ross-Ade Stadium at Purdue University is named in his honor—appropriately since he wrote the first American play about football.



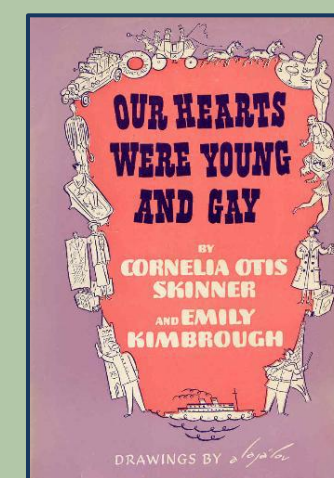
Crawfordsville:

Lew Wallace wrote *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* in 1880, still a best seller and popular film. Wallace is the only novelist honored in the U.S. Capitol National Statuary Hall with a statue.



Oakford (formerly Fairfield):

Maurice Thompson wrote about Indiana during the time of the Revolutionary War in his popular book *Alice of Old Vincennes* (1901).



Muncie:

Emily Kimbrough wrote her first *New York Times* Best Seller, *Our Hearts Were Young and Gay*, in 1942. The book was produced as a motion picture in 1944. Kelsey Timmerman published *Where Am I Wearing?* (2012) detailing the conditions of garment factories around the world.



Noblesville:

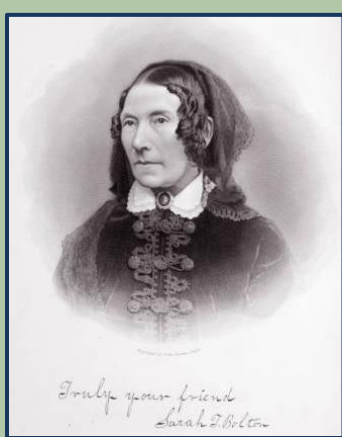
Rex Stout is best known as the creator of the *Nero Wolfe* detective stories, which have been adapted for film and television. Stout was nominated *Best Mystery Writer of the Century* by the world's largest mystery convention.

Indianapolis:



Beech Grove:

Sarah T. Bolton was an activist for women's rights and "Indiana's pioneer poet who wrote 'Paddle Your Own Canoe'" (1850). Bolton is honored with a bronze in the Indiana Statehouse and a park in Beech Grove.



Dana: Pulitzer Prize-winning war correspondent Ernie Pyle published a compilation of articles as *Here Is Your War: Story of G.I. Joe*, which was made as a motion picture in 1945.



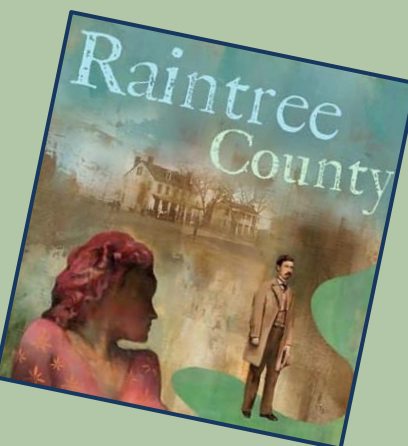
Terre Haute:

Theodore Dreiser explored social problems in novels like *Sister Carrie* (1899) and *An American Tragedy* (1925). The 1952 film adaptation of *Sister Carrie* starred Laurence Olivier. Dreiser Hall at Indiana State University is named in his honor.



Gosport:

James Alexander Thom is a popular historical novelist. His book, *Follow the River* (1981), was produced as a television movie.



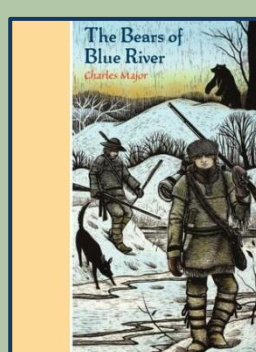
Bloomington:

Ross Lockridge, Jr., published *Raintree County* in 1948, and all 50,000 press copies sold out on the first day. Elizabeth Taylor starred in the motion picture version of the book in 1957.



Shelbyville:

Charles Major's *When Knighthood Was in Flower* spent more than three years on the best sellers list and was adapted into a popular motion picture. Mary Pickford starred in the movie version of his novel *Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall*.



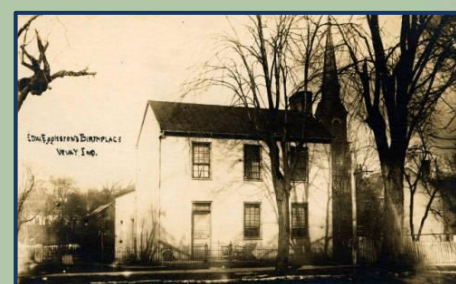
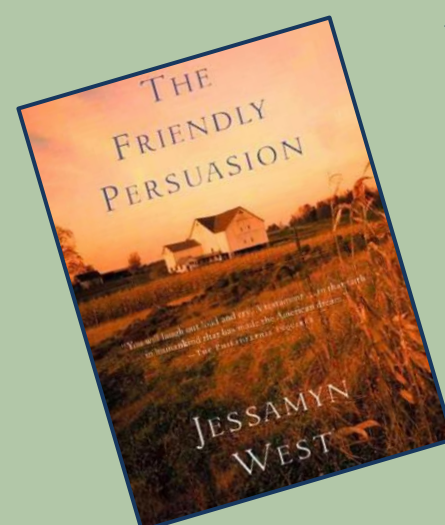
Aurora:

Elmer Davis was an award-winning journalist. In 1954 he published a collection of his speeches and essays as *But We Were Born Free*, a best seller.



Vevay:

Edward Eggleston published *The Hoosier School-Master* (1871), a depiction of rural Indiana.



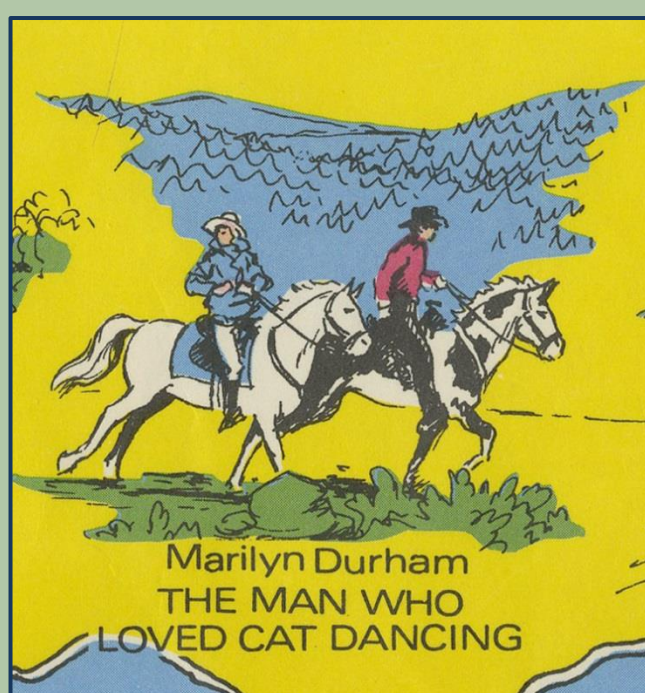
Vernon:

Jessamyn West wrote about her Indiana Quaker upbringing in *The Friendly Persuasion*, published in 1945. The movie adaptation starring Gary Cooper was nominated for an Academy Award.



New Harmony:

Reformer Robert Dale Owen published *Moral Physiology* in 1830, in which he advocated more rights for women and free education.



Evansville:

Marilyn Durham penned the best seller *The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing* in 1972. Burt Reynolds starred in the film adaptation in 1973.



Indianapolis:

Booth Tarkington is one of three novelists to win the Pulitzer Prize more than once (1919 and 1922), penning novels *The Gentleman from Indiana*, *The Magnificent Ambersons*, and *Alice Adams*.

Marguerite Young won the Guggenheim and Newberry Library awards in 1945 for *Angel in the Forest*. Young was part of circle of writers including Richard Wright, Carson McCullers, and Truman Capote.

One of the most famous writers of the 1960's counterculture was Kurt Vonnegut. Best known for his novel *Slaughterhouse-Five* (1969), Vonnegut made cameo appearances in the film versions of his novels *Mother Night* and *Breakfast of Champions*. The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library in Indianapolis honors the author as a cultural and educational resource.

John Green is an author of young adult fiction. His novel *The Fault in Our Stars* debuted at number one on the *New York Times* Best Sellers list in 2012. The film version of the book was released in 2014, and Green was subsequently included on *Time* magazine's list of the "100 Most Influential People in the World."

